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**RE:** State of Texas v. Olga Salazar – D.O.B. 01/26/1972  
Cause No.: 2011-DCR-02131; 357<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court

**Brownsville woman found Guilty for the Death of her Child**

Brownsville, Texas – October 27, 2011 – Armando R. Villalobos, County and District Attorney for Cameron County, announces today that Olga Salazar, 39, of Brownsville was found guilty by a jury in the 357<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court for the death of her 4-year-old daughter, Felicitas Alexandra Cordova.

A jury deliberated for less than two hours in the 357<sup>th</sup> courtroom this morning on whether Salazar was responsible for endangering her child and criminal negligent homicide. The jury returned a guilty verdict on both counts.

The jury was selected Monday afternoon by prosecutors from the Cameron County District Attorney’s Office. Prosecutors Maria DeFord and Brandy Bailey tried the case and presented evidence to a jury of seven women and five men. The trial resumed the next day and concluded this morning with closing arguments.

According to police reports, on Sunday, August 2, 2009, the 4-year-old Cordova was found unresponsive in Salazar’s vehicle shortly after 4 p.m. Emergency medical personnel were dispatched to the Flea Market located on Expressway 77/83 where they performed cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) on Cordova while at the scene.

The punishment phase of the trial will continue today where they will continue to hear testimony and then decide the range of punishment of probation or up to 2 years in a state jail facility.

“This is a tragic case. However, we are pleased with the verdict of the jury,” County and District Attorney Armando R. Villalobos said. “The protection of children in our community must be made a priority.” “Needless deaths such as this one, must be stopped,” Villalobos said.

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